

window. And an easy way to deal with the matter will have been arrived at. But I think it ought not be handled in this fashion. We've invested too much time and effort into it already. There are people out there hanging on this bill. And Senator Johnson was correct, they expect to get some kind of relief from it if we pass it. The end is not yet. But if you vote to bracket it then I think the end is. So I'm going to offer an amendment to the bracketing motion. My amendment is that it be bracketed until 6:30 p.m., April 8, and a specific amendment such as that, to a time certain, is a priority motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, rather than drag this out over a motion, I leave it all in Senator Chambers' hands. I'll withdraw the motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is withdrawn. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, in that case Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the bill. (V. Johnson amendment appears on pages 2138-39 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to have your indulgence for two minutes. There are times in the life of a nation when the nation has to provide some kind of debtor relief. The State of Nebraska clearly is at that time when debtor relief is important for our examination and our consideration. It is absolutely correct that it is very difficult to provide retroactive debtor relief. But we can at least learn from the terrible experiences that befall on a number of our farmers and ranchers and work on prospective debtor relief. LE 999 does that. Senator DeCamp, a little earlier today, offered an amendment which, in a sense, took some of the muscle, some of the sinew, some of the fiber, some of the bone out of this bill. I have visited with Senator DeCamp. We have worked through a compromise to what he has done. The compromise is now in the form of an amendment. The compromise, in effect, would allow an equity cushion of 15 percent for those disturbed creditors. It would allow full cash partial redemptions, it would make the bill totally applicable to deeds of trust, as well as to mortgages. If you put this amendment